

DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
TO CAUSE A STUDY TO BE MADE OF ALL FACTORS INVOLVED IN
THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF
HELIPORTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JUNE 30, 1959.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. BEALL, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S.J. Res. 52]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 52) directing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to cause a study to be made of all factors involved in the establishment, construction, and operation of heliports within the District of Columbia, after full consideration, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the joint resolution as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Page 2, line 1, strike "December 31, 1959" and insert in lieu thereof "June 30, 1960".

The purpose of this joint resolution is to direct the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to investigate and cause to be made a study of all factors involved in the establishment, construction, and operation of heliports within the District of Columbia on sites convenient to and in close proximity with the downtown, government, and commercial areas of the District of Columbia.

The resolution also authorizes the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to secure information which may bear on the subject of heliports, from independent and private or governmental sources, or both, and further, it directs such governmental agencies from whom the Commissioners have requested information dealing with heliports to furnish such information directly to them.

The Commissioners are to make a full report to the Congress on or before June 30, 1960, submitting the results of the investigation and study, together with such recommendations as they deem advisable.

Such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this joint resolution are authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

During the hearing, no one appeared in opposition to the enactment of the resolution. The testimony indicated that the use of helicopters will undoubtedly become greater. While the Washington National Airport can and does handle the comparatively light helicopter traffic that now exists in the National Capital area, the witnesses were of the opinion that the future will demand large and elaborate facilities within the downtown area, considering anticipated greater use of this mode of travel to and from Chantilly and Friendship Airports, in addition to National Airport.

It is felt that the enactment of the joint resolution would be an important step forward in the planning for the future of the District of Columbia.

This legislation has the approval of the District Commissioners, and the cost of such study has been estimated at \$25,000.

